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Two naval vessels of unknown nationality were observed at position 54°29'N 12°14'E about 4 nautical miles northeast of Gedser Rev light-ship. The vessels sailed line ahead on southwest course in route 1. Speed estimated to be 16 knots. The foremost and largest of the vessels ran up an East German flag when it approached the light-ship. The vessels turned around and returned in route 1 at the light-ship. They were kept under observation until they disappeared from view somewhere north of Rügen.

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1. The largest of the vessels is described as follows:

- a. It was painted gray and had a long forecastle and stern cut at a slant. A spar designed to be lowered in front of the vessel was placed on the front of the bow. The length was estimated to be 400 feet.
- b. The superstructure and the smoke-stack were built into one. Guns, apparently 40 mm, were placed on front of the superstructure and on each side of the smoke-stack. All these guns were covered. A larger gun in turret, approximately 75 mm, was placed abaft on the superstructure. Six life rafts were placed right in front of this gun. A trellis mast was placed on the bridge right in front of the smoke-stack. A canvas-covered crows-nest was placed halfway up on this mast. A radar scanner was placed on top of the trellis mast, and probably 3 cm. under the radar there was a horizontal pole that held an antenna which led down to a pole on the after side of the

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smoke-stack. A shoe that secured the bottom part of a whip antenna was placed on the after side of the same horizontal pole. In the same height as the radar there was a pole turned backwards on which a flag halyard was placed.

- c. A small flag-staff was placed in the bow of the ship, and right in front of the superstructure there was a gun in turret of approximately the same size as a 75 mm; two lifeboats were placed under the life rafts on the deck, one on each side, with davits. Low circular wire rails and stanchions. A flagstaff and two paravanes, one in each side, were placed abaft.
- d. The vessel had the following antennas: 2 VHF antennas, 1 UHF antenna, 1 short-wave antenna, and the radar scanner.

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- 2. The other vessel was about 25 meters long. There was a covered 20 mm gun on the fore deck and on the quarter-deck. There was a depth-charge launcher containing 4 depth charges on each side on the quarter-deck.

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Comments:

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- 1. The vessel described in para. 1 is a new ship of the Krake type, observed for the first time at sea during a trial trip. A series of 10 Krake vessels are being built at the Peene Shipyard in Wolgast for NVA/See. The first one was launched on 27 January 1956, and trial trips were started in November 1956. The vessels are a further developed type of the ocean-going minelaying and minesweeping vessels of the Habicht class. The following information is known:

Length: 90-95 meters.
 Displacement: 1,000 tons DW.
 Speed: Maximum 23 knots.
 Armament: 2 x 100 mm.
 3 x 1 x 37 mm.
 1 x 2 x 25 mm.

- 2. The vessel mentioned in para. 2, is an old ship of the KS class.

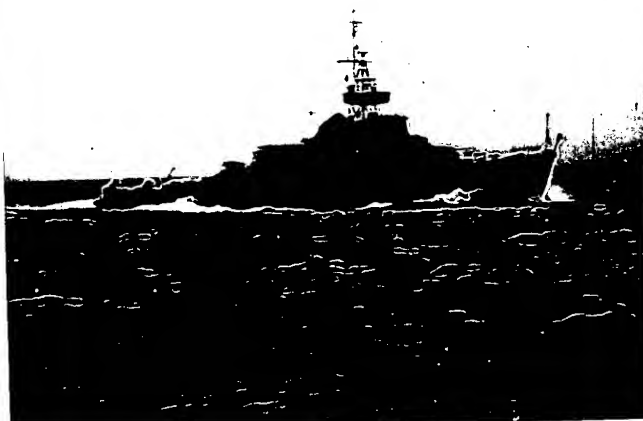
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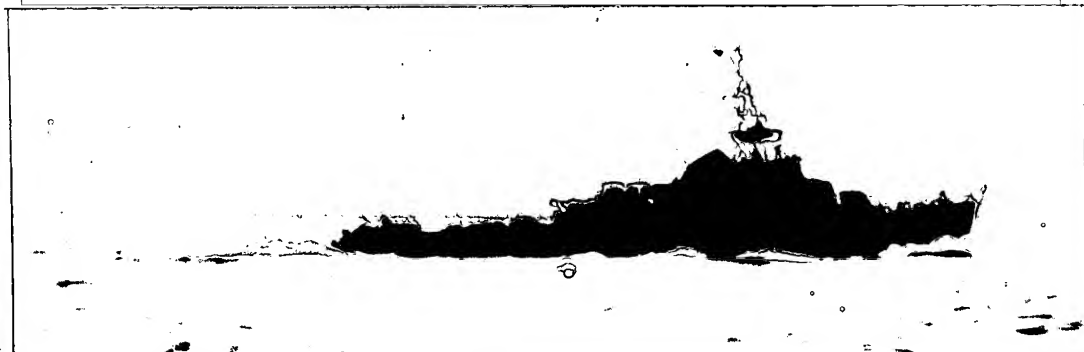
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